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BRITISH METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY LONDON

Meteorological Society

1839 March (12th)

Minutes of Council Meeting held in the Committee Room Mechanic's Institution on Tuesday March 12th 1839

Dr Mc Intyre V.P. in the Chair

Present Dr Lee, Dr Mitchell, Sir Jno Rose, Wm Bateman Byng Esqre Jno Reynolds Esqre For. Sec. Robt Carr Woods Esqre & the Secy.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read & confirmed. The Secy (C F W Wilke) read the annual report; which, with suitable amendments was adopted, & ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting.

It was proposed by Dr Lee & seconded by Jno Reynolds Esqre that an additional Officer be appointed to be called the "Registrar", whose duties shall be to reduce & arrange in Tabulation all Tables &c. that may be referred to him by the Council, & in such manner as shall be agreed upon at a future meeting.—

It was also proposed by Dr Lee & seconded by Mr Byng that Mr R C Woods be appointed Registrar — Mr Woods accepted the appointment.

Capt Sir Jno Rose R.N. & Mr Byng having been appointed Scrutineers for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, the meeting was dissolved

Signed Chairman

1839
April
9th

Minutes of Council Meeting held
April 9th 1839.

Dr Mc Intyre V.P. in the Chair

The minutes of last Meeting having been
read and confirmed. The Secretary read
a communication from Mess.rs Smith Elder & Co
respecting the charge for (printing) supplying
100 Copies of the Transactions of the Society
for the supply of the Members, which stated
that they were to supply the required copies
at Publishers trade prices. The Publishers
having charged the Society the full prices,
the Secretary waited upon them but could
obtain no redress. It was accordingly resolved
that the following letter be written to Mess.rs
Smith Elder & Co.

Gent.n Your Invoice which accompanied
the 100 Volumes of the Society's Transactions having been
submitted to the Council, & appearing to dis-
agree with the arrangement entered into with
the Society, & specified in your letter of the
13th of July last. I am directed by the
Council to request a new Invoice in accord-
ance with the tenor of that letter founded on
the previous agreement. By order of the Council
Signed W.H. White Sec.y

It was then recommended that the Society's Trans-
actions be presented to the Royal Academies
of St Petersburgh, Bruxelles & Lisbon,
the Albany Institute — Messrs Conrad
D'Orbigny & Professor Silliman, the
Royal Society & the Royal Astronomical Society
of London. The Council then dissolved.

Signed John Lee. Chairman

1839
May
14th

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 14th D^r Lee Pres^t in the Chair.
Present D^r Mitchel — M^r Green M^r Routledge M^r Woods & the Sec^y

The Minutes of our adjourned meeting held on the 7th having been read the Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting which were confirmed. The Secretary stated he had received a letter from Messrs Smith Elder & Co^s relative to the publishing prices of the Society's Transactions which was read, also the letters of Messrs Smith Elder & Co^s bearing date April 15th 1839 and July 13th 1838. The subject was fully discussed & it was unanimously,

Resolved "That the Council having pledged themselves to the members of the Meteorological Society to supply them with Copies at 4/ the Transactions "at the Booksellers subscription trade price", consider themselves bound strictly to adhere to the agreement contained in the letter of Messrs Smith Elder & Co^s of the 13th July last."

The Secretary was requested to forward a Copy of this Resolution to Messrs Smith Elder & Co^s & to add, that with respect to the number of Copies ordered the Council refer Messrs Smith Elder & Co^s to the Copy of the order of the Council forwarded to them in July last —

Resolved 2ndly That Copies of the Transactions be presented to Benj Silliman Esq^re New Haven
The Royal Academy of Sciences Brussells
" " " St Petersburgh
" " " Lisbon
The Geographical Society " Paris
And the Albany Institute U. States.

1839 May 15th Continued

In consequence of Howards' leaving England, & His House No 17 Hatton Garden becoming Vacant, it was offered to the Meteorological Society on their purchasing the fixtures for the Sum of £84 & paying an Annual Rent of £84, Sixty of which being secured by Permanent Lodgers, It was therefore Resolved 3rdly, That the Council of the Meteorological Society relinquish the idea of taking the House No 17 Hatton Garden for the Society's accommodation, in consequence of the low state of the Society's Funds, the great outlay required on taking possession, as well as the risk attendant on a lease of 13½ Years.

The Members of the Council were requested to look out for suitable apartments, and to meet on Special Summons from the Secy as soon as such Apartments could be found.

The Council then adjourned

James Pridiaux — Chairman

The following Copy of a formal notice to remove the Society's Instruments from No 57 Hatton Garden was delivered to the Secretary.

57 Hatton Garden
May 16th 1839

To the Right Honourable the President and Council of the Astronomical Society of London.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I hereby give you notice, that, as I have determined to dispose of the lease of my house - It will be necessary, and I require you to give directions for the removal of the Standard Instruments, and all other Property belonging to the Society, from No 57 Hatton Garden at your own cost & hazard, on or before the 31st day of May Inst: 1839. - I have also to request payment of the balance due to me for the same, & for all letters and Parcels received & paid for, & which may be received & paid for by me up to the above mentioned day. After which day I beg you to take notice no more can be received.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very obed[t] Serv[t]
(signed) R. C. Woods

Witness to the delivery of this Notice to W. H. White Esq[re] Secy to the Society (signed) Henry Merrick

On the receipt of this letter, a suitable apartments having been found, the Secy summoned a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at No 25 Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn on Tuesday May 21st

1839
May 21st
Special
Meeting

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday May 21st at the House of John Green Esqre M.B.S. & Member of the Council

Jno Reynolds Esqre Vice. Sec. in the Chair, present Richard Taylor Esqre. Mr Green, Mr Bond - & the Secretary

Mr. Green having offered the Society suitable Rooms on advantageous terms, It was Resolved - That it be suggested to Dr. See the Treasurer of the Entomological Society, that the Entomological Society take the Rooms of Mr Green 25 Bartlett's Buildings Holborn at a Sum not exceeding £20 per Annum - But, should another Society join them, that they pay to Mr Green the Sum of £12 per Annum - or, in the event of three Societies holding their meetings in the same rooms, that the Entomological Society pay the Sum of £10 per Annum.

This Resolution was forwarded without delay to Dr. See at Lynn Norfolk, who communicated by return of post his full acquiescence to the above resolution.

The rooms were immediately taken & the Society's Instruments & other property removed into them.

The Secy being deputed by the Botanical Society to find suitable apartments for them, immediately communicated with the Secy G. E. Dennes Esqre who approved of the rooms & conditions as stated in the above Resolution, & immediately became joint Tenants of the same Apartments - each Society agreeing to pay £12 per Annum.

June 11. Reynolds Pres.

1839
June 11th

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 11th 1839 at the Society's Rooms 25 Bartletts Buildings Holborn — The Right Honourable Lord Robert Grosvenor M.P. President in the Chair. Present the Treasurer Dr Lee — Dr Mr Intype V.P. — Jno Green Esqr Jno Reynolds Esqr Hon. Sec. McWood & the Assist. Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed — The Secretary laid a new Invoice of the Transactions before the members of the Council accompanied by a letter from Messrs Smith Elder & Co. stating that they had furnished the Society "with 100 Copies at the Booksellers Price" & at the same time requesting to be informed of the total number of the subscribing members of the Society. This request was agreed to, & the Secretary was requested to furnish the required information.

The Secretary then submitted a Bill for the Balance of Mr Wood's account for Instruments &c — which was ordered to be paid — McWood then delivered in an account of Five Pounds for removing the Society's Standard Barometer & other Instruments, from No 47 Hatton Garden to No 25 Bartlett's Buildings, which, after some discussion was ordered to be paid — The Secretary next presented a bill for Rent of the Committee Room Mechanic's Institution also one from Mr Green for printing the Society's laws &c — both of which were ordered to be paid as soon as sufficient funds were collected.

The Secretary was desired to request those members who were in arrears with their Subscriptions to pay them without delay. The Council then adjourned.

John. Lee. Chairman.

At the Close of this Meeting Mr Bartlett presented the Society with a Donation of Five Pounds —

1839
June 28th
Dr Lee's

Minutes of Council Meeting held at Dr Lee's on Friday June 28th 1839 – Dr Lee Treasurer in the Chair – The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secy stated he had forwarded to Messrs Smith Elder & Co the information they solicited, which he had been authorised to send at the last meeting – but had not received a reply –

The Secy stated that he had also written to those members who were in arrears with their subscriptions & requested them to forward them without delay.

Ordered that 1000 copies of Executive notices of election be printed by the Commencement of next session.

The Secy was requested to call on Dr Lindley relative to his promised meteorological Communication

The Meeting then adjourned –

W. Bateman Byng
Chairman

1839
Nov 12th

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Society's Rooms on Tuesday Nov 12th 1839.
William Bateman Byng Esqre F.R.S in the Chair.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary stated that the Royal Society of Edinburgh had forwarded a Volume of Transactions to the Meteorological Society — Ordered that the Secretary write a letter of Thanks to the Council of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, accompanying the same with a Copy of our Transactions — Letter of Thanks enclosing above the Society's Transactions sent, on the 19th Inst: Nov.
Ordered That the following Accounts be paid as soon as the funds permit; viz,
Rent A/C at the Mechanic's Institution
Do — at Bartlett's Buildings
Mr Hunt's A/C for Stationery, and
Mr Lyceus A/C for Printing.
The Secretary submitted a Copy of the proceedings of the last Session to the Council. Ordered that the same be submitted to the other Secretaries Dr Mitchel & Mr Reynolds, with the original papers, for revision, and if approved by them to be printed immediately, in a cheap form, for gratuitous circulation among the Members and their friends.
~~Ordered~~ Suggested that the Auditors Messrs Byng & Reynolds meet in February to take an account of the Society's Books Instruments &c.

J. Lee
Chairman

1840
Feby 11th.

Minutes of Council held Feby 10th 1840
Jno Green Esqre. M.R.S. in the Chair —
Ordered that Mr Lukis of Guernsey be
considered as an Associate Member in
consequence of his residence. Also,
that Sir Jno Ross F.R.S. be considered an Associate
during his residence abroad.
Ordered, that Mssrs. Harrison & Co's acc.
of £6.5.- for Books & Stationery be paid.
And also the Secretaries account of 6 Months
attendance £6.6.- due this day. —
Ordered that the Resignation of Dr Mitchell
as of the Secretaries, be received — and that
Mr Jno Green be nominated in his stead —
Ordered also that the Resignation of Charles
Henry Adams Esqre be confirmed on his
paying up his arrears of one Guinea. —
Ordered that the Secretary write officially to
all the members in arrears. —
The following Gentlemen were nominated
Auditors for the ensuing Session viz.
Mssrs. Byng — Reynolds & Green
The following list of Officers was then put
in Nomination
President — The Right Hon^ble Lord Rob^t Grosvenor M.P.
Vice Presidents Dr Birkbeck & Dr Mc Intyre.
Treasurer Dr Lee
Secretaries — W.F. White and Mr Jno Green —
Foreign Secretary — Mr Jno Reynolds
Other Members of the Council
Mssrs. Byng — ~~Bunbury~~ Burney — Sir Jno Herschel
— Higgins — Kent — Leach
— Lieut Morrison — H. Phillips — Professor Phillips —
— Simmonite — Taylor — Yates

John Lee
Chairman

1840
Mar 10

Minutes of Council meeting held Tuesday March 10th 1840 Dr Lee Treasurer in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed — Mr Green presented a proof-sheet of the proposed application to members in arrears with their subscriptions, which was approved, and ordered to be printed & forthwith sent to every member whose subscription is in arrears.—

The Annual report with them prepared for reading before the meeting —

The Chairman then suggested that the Society print for gratuitous distribution among the members, scientific bodies, and learned individuals Dr Mr Inwin's introductory remarks to the 1st Vol of Transactions. On an enquiry being made in behalf the society would print. Mr Green was deputed to make the necessary enquiry & to report thereon —

W. Bateman Bijne
Chairman

1840
April
11th

Minutes of Council held Tuesday April 11th 1840 – Wm Bateman Byng Esqr F.R.A.S. in the Chair –

Present Majr. Leach. Phillips. Greenmorrison. Mr Intyre & the Secy.

After the Minutes of the preceding Meeting had been read & confirmed, the Secretary stated that he had received from the President Copies of the Addresses proposed at his Lordships House on the 11th Inst: for approval of the Council –

It was then moved by Lieu. Morrison & seconded by Mr. Leach, and unanimously Resolved, That it would be a mark of the loyal respect entertained by the Members of the Meteorological Society generally towards Her Majesty's Family to offer Their address of Congratulation on the event of Her Majesty's Marriage and that the following addresses to Her Majesty & to H R H Prince Albert be accordingly adopted –

It was moved by Lieu Morrison, & Seconded by Mr Leach, & Resolved that the following alteration be made in the proposed address to Her Majesty & His R H Prince Albert – viz; after the words "that the humble Efforts of our Society to investigate the laws which govern Atmospheric Phenomena and" be added the words "the causes which produce those important meteoric changes upon which &c" –

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

May it please Your Majesty

We the President Vice Presidents & Council of the Meteorological Society embrace that opportunity of respectfully tendering to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations upon the interesting and highly important occasion of Your Majesty's marriage with H. R. H. Prince Albert.

We sincerely trust that Your Majesty's alliance with the noble blood of the Ancient & Honorable House of Saxe Coburg Gotha may tend to the promotion of Your Majesty's domestic happiness and may prove a blessing to our own & surrounding nations.

We venture to hope that the humble efforts of Your Society to investigate the Laws which govern Atmospheric phenomena and the causes which produce important changes upon which the health of the Community depends, may not be deemed unworthy of Your Majesty's approbation.

That Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over a people with whom we have especially the means of knowing Your Royal Highness to be gifted.

We trust that you may be the honoured instrument under Divine Providence of promoting the cause of Truth & Science, and we are not without a hope that particular branch of it, viz. is the peculiar object of that Society's researches, the investigation of the laws which govern atmospheric

1840
April
14th

Majesty's reign may be long, glorious, & happy
is the sincere & earnest prayer of Madam
Your Majesty's most obedient
& loyal subjects.

&c &c

Signed by the Members of the
Council

Seconded by Mr Leach, Headlock
that the following alteration be
made in the petition addressed to
Her Majesty & his R.H. Prince Albert -
viz; after the words "that the humble
efforts of our Society to investigate
the laws which govern Atmospheric
Phenomena and" be added the words
"the causes which produce those important
meteoric changes upon which &c" —

It was also moved by Mr Leech
& seconded by Mr Phillips
That the word "Council" be substituted
for the word "Officers" in the first Sen-
tence of the Proposed address to
Her Majesty & H.R.H. Prince
Albert. Carried unanimously

It was moved by Dr M'Intyre
& seconded by Mr Phillips

Field Marshal

To His Royal Highness Albert Prince of Saxe Coburg and
Gotha Duke of Saxe Knight of the Garter &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness

We the President Vice Presidents and Council of the
Meteorological Society beg leave respectfully to approach Your
Royal Highness with the expression of our sincere & heartfelt
Congratulations on the occasion of your nuptials with our
beloved Queen.

Your Royal Highness has conferred a flattering dis-
tinction upon us in having chosen our country as the
land of your adoption, and we feel it the more
deeply on account of those many eminent qualities
with which we have especially the means of knowing
Your Royal Highness to be gifted.

We trust that you may be the honoured instrument
under Divine Providence of promoting the cause of Practical
Science, and we are not without a hope that particular
branch of it, viz. is the peculiar object of that Society's
researches, the investigation of the laws of Storms &c.

Prince

Majesty's reign may be long, glorious & happy
is the sincere & earnest prayer of Madam
Your Majesty's most obedient
& loyal subjects.

&c &c &c

Phenomena and the causes of those important
which produce
meteoric changes of temperature upon w. the health of the
Country depends may not be considered unworthy
of Your Royal Highness patronage & protection.

That Your Royal Highness may be long and
increasingly happy is the earnest prayer of

Sir

Your Royal Highnesses
most obedient & most obedient Servants

Signed by the Council

It was also moved by Mr Leech
& seconded by Mr Phillips
that the word "Council" be substituted
for the word "Steeds" in the first sen-
tence of the proposed address to
Her Majesty & H R H Prince
Albert. Carried unanimously -
It was moved by Dr Mr Intyre 2.
& seconded by Mr Phillips
that the adopted address to
her Majesty & H R H Prince Albert
be presented by the Noble President.

The Secretary called the attention
of the Council to the necessity
of the Society's taking new Rooms
in consequence of Mr Green's
leaving Bartlett's Buildings -
The Secretary stated that he
in conjunction with the Secretary
of the Bot. Soc. had seen suitable
Rooms in John St Adelphi, for 50£
a year of which it was proposed, that
the Botanical & Meteorological
Societies should each pay £20,
& the Ornithological Society £10 -
It was then proposed by Mr Mitchell
& seconded by Lieut Hennessey
& unanimously resolved, that
in consequence of Mr Green's
being about to remove from
Bartlett's Buildings, the Society
accept the proposition of the
Secretary of the Botanical Society

to rent suitable Rooms at No 12
in the Adelphi John Street at
20 Pounds Rent per Annum
— After this Resolution was
passed an indemnification was
given to the Late Secretary of the
Botanical Society for the Rent
above mentioned, signed by the
Chairman —
The Meeting then adjourned —

John Lee.
Chairman.

1840
May
12th

Minutes of Council held May 12th 1840 Dr Lee F.R.S Treasurer in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the preceding Meeting which were confirmed.

Lieu Morrison R.N. read the report of the Committee appointed to examine and arrange for publication the documents in possession of the Society — which was discussed and ordered to be received.

The Secretary presented an account to the Society of the following monies Received and Paid by him. viz

Dr			Cr	
To Mr J. Leach entrance fee & Subscription	£. s. d 2.2.0		By 10 p Days wages paid to Clerk for arranging the Societys Papers	£. s. d 2.3.9
Lieu. Morrison Subr	1.1.0			
Mr Phillips D	1.1.0			
Balance	7		Postages & other incidentals expences	2.0.10
	£ 4.4.7			£ 4.4.7

Ordered that in future all monies be paid into the Treasurers hands and all accounts & debts of the Society be paid by him, & not by the Secretary or any other person.

The Secretary was then requested to make out his account of Postages up to the last Anniversary Meeting, & that account after that period could not be received.

The Secretary then mentioned that the Society could not remove to John St. Stockpits as was stated at the last Meeting in consequence of a 7 Years Lease being demanded, but there was none in view. — The Meeting then adjourned.

W. J. Morrison
Chairman

1840
June 9th

Minutes of Council held 9th June 1840 Lieut Morrison R.N. in the Chair.
The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed. -
The Secretary was then called upon to what progress had been made in printing the Society's Catalogues of Meteorological Tables & papers on scientific subjects. - The Secretary stated in reply that, owing to the removal of the Society from Bartlett's Buildings & his consequent, no progress had been made, but that the list should be immediately completed & placed in the hands of the printer, and an estimate of the cost obtained, together with a proof sheet, before the next meeting. - It was then proposed by Mr Heppel & seconded by Mr White that the Council meet during the recess as often as business may render it necessary. -
W. H. Higgins Esqre stated he had in contemplation a plan which he wished to submit to the Society, which he considered, if it could be adopted would greatly benefit the Science of Meteorology. -
It was then unanimously resolved that a special meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 23rd inst. to hear W. H. Higgins' proposals - to read H.R.H. Prince Albert's reply to the Society's

address — to receive further notices of Lieu. Morrison's new Amanuensis and such other matters, as might be require the attention of the Council. adjourned till Tuesday June 23rd 1840 at 4 p.m.

W. J. Morrison
Chairman

23rd June
1840

1840
June 23 - Minutes of Council held this 23rd day of June
Dr. Morrison R.N. in the Chair —
The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed — The Secretary then read His
Royal Highness Prince Albert's reply to
the address sent to him April 14. of which
the following is the original Document

Buckingham Palace
May 13. 1840

Gentlemen

I am commanded by Prince Albert
to convey to You, The Vice Presidents Officers & Council
of the Meteorological Society, the Expression of
His Royal Highness's sincere thanks for the
sentiments contained in the Congratulatory Address
wh. by your desire I have had the honor to
present

And I have it further in command
to assure you that His Royal Highness regards

1840
June 23 — Minutes of Council held this 23rd day of June
Sir Alexander Morrison R.N. in the Chair —
The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed — The Secretary then read His
Royal Highness Prince Albert's reply to
the address sent to him April 14. of which
the following is the original Document

with much interest that Junior branch
of Science which it is the object of our
Labours to investigate

I have the honor to remain
Gentlemen
Your most obed.t Sert
Albert

To the Vice Presidents &c.
of the Entomological Society

The Chairman then stated particulars of his new Ammascope, from a Model which he produced, & which appeared to the Council to be highly meritorious, & from the simplicity of its construction and the trifling expence it would require in fitting it up, either for Buildings, or for Ships at Sea, entitled it to early consideration from the Scientific World. The Chairman suggested several further improvements which met the entire approbation of the Council —

M. W. Higgins Esqr then proposed the following plan for furthering in an especial manner the science of Meteorology, & at the same time to benefit the Meteorological Society, and at the same time to extend its objects. His plan was to erect an Observatory, both for Meteorological & Astronomical purposes on some eligible site near London, on the system of share-holders — each share to be £10 — About £1000 would be sufficient to erect a suitable building, & to furnish it with portable Instruments both for meteorological & Astronomical purposes. — One grand object of the Society would be to instruct Young Men destined for Maratime pursuits in taking Solar & Lunar observations & practically qualifying them for Sea, at very moderate charges — Another source of profit would arise from persons anxious to acquire some telescopic Knowledge of the Heavens, & who would cheerfully pay their fee of 1/- for each opportunity — While Curiosity would induce others to pay a like fee occasionally

Mr Higgins appeared to have confidence in the success of the scheme, and was desirous of calling the attention of the Scientific Public to it without delay. The Council concurred in the necessity of such an institution, while it deplored the very inefficient manner in which Cadets & others were obliged to undertake hazardous & important offices at sea without due Qualifications for them, & without there being any Institution in the Metropolis where Young Men could obtain a practical knowledge of the important Art of Navigation.

Lieu. Morrison R.N. Mr Higgins Esq. & the Secretary were then appointed a Committee to take the above scheme into further consideration.—

H. W. Sulivan.

1840
Nov 10th

Minutes of Council held this 10 day of Nov 1840 Dr Ashurst V.P. in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary then stated that he had received many very valuable Tables, Summaries, correspondents during the last recess, and also several presentations to the Library —

The Secretary then requested that an order might be given on the Treasurer for Rent due up to ~~Lady~~ last Day, an order was given accordingly. The Secretary also stated that several of the Members were in arrears with their subscriptions, & that several of them had been applied to in vain — It was then Resolved.

That this Committee do respectfully call upon the Treasurer to furnish a detailed account of the Assets & Liabilities of this Society at the next Meeting of the Council, with a view to make some arrangements for forwarding their liquidation, and promoting the general interests of the Society. Resolution signed Rd Ashurst

The Meeting then adjourned,

Rd. Ashurst,
Chairman.

Dec^r 1840

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 Dec^r 1840.

P. M^c Intyre V.P. in the chair

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed — The Sec^y. stated that he had received donations to the Library from the East India Comp^y. & from Prof: Silliman — ordered that the be returned, for each respective present. The Secretary then read a letter addressed to him by Fred^c. Lukis Esq^r. Guernsey requesting meteorological assistance for a Gent^n. who is writing the History of Guernsey. On Enquiry being made whether M^r Lukis was a Member of the Society. The Sec. stated that M^r Lukis had been elected a Member, but that he claimed Associate-ship on account of his locality, not being in Great Britain. After the question had been fully discussed. it was proposed by M^r Reynolds & seconded by M^r Morrison R.N. that M^r. Lukis be considered an Associate, & — Carried unanimously. The Sec^y then rec^d instruction to inform M^r Lukis that his friend would find much of his desiderata in the 1^st Vol. of the Society's Transactions to be had of the Treasurer at £1. 11. 6 & that any further information, if the Society, proposed it might be obtained on writing to the Secretary

The Treasurer, in compliance with the request of the Council in Nov^r last

produced a list of the assets and liabilities of the Society, which were found on inspection to shew a deficiency in the Subscriptions, amounting to £59-17. These subscriptions were then paid leaving yet a deficiency of £56-14-8. which the Secretaries were requested to collect as far as possible

Read

That a sum not exceeding £2:5. be expended for preparing & printing a ~~Copy~~ paper containing a Catalogue of the various returns now in the possession of the Society

R. M'Intyre,
Chairman.

William Lecky
8 Dec 1840

subject be considered in the Minutes of the Society — ~~Adjourned till 12 Jany 1841~~ — It was then Resolved That &c. Vide resolution annexed above — The meeting then adjourned till Tuesday 12th Jany 1841 —

R. M'Intyre.

produced a list of the assets and liabilities of the Society, which were found on inspection, to shew a deficit in the Subscriptions, amounting to £59-17. The subscriptions were then paid leaving yet a deficiency of £6-14s. which the Secretaries were requested to collect as far as possible by the next Meeting.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr Joseph Atkinson of Harraby near Carlisle that he had resolved many months ago not to take up his membership, which he thought would have been sufficiently understood by his not remitting the money at the time it had been required of him.

The Council expressed their disgust & such a dishonorable Mode of conduct & while requesting that his name might be erased from the list of members, requested the Secy to inform that the Society considered him indebted 2 Guin.

The Secretary was then requested to apply to the Admiralty for a Copy of Lt. Reids Theory of Storms, & that the Correspondence on that subject be ~~assessed~~ in the Minutes of the Society — ~~Adjourned till 12 Jany 1841~~ It was then Resolved That &c. Vide resolution annexed above — The Meeting then adjourned till Tuesday 12th Jany 1841

R. N. Shipp.

1841
March 9

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday March 9th 1841 Dr Mc Intyre V.P. in the Chair
The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed –
Dr Lee Treasurer, having sent the following Notice dated 9th Febry, & there being no meeting of Council that being it could not be read, till this day – viz – "I take leave to acquaint you, that I request, that the Council will accept of my resignation of the Office of Treasurer, as I am now so frequently from London, and am seldom able to attend either the Council or the public meetings, but I shall be happy to continue as a subscriber & well wisher to the Society"
Lth Secretary –
Dr Lee's resignation having been received it was Resolved,
"That the Council have heard with deep regret that Dr Lee has been induced to withdraw from the Office of Treasurer and the members are desirous of tendering their best thanks for the Zealous & very satisfactory manner in which he has fulfilled the Duties of Treasurer"
J. W. G. Gutch Esqre M.R.C.S. having been proposed as Treasurer, in place of Dr Lee resigned, & he having no objections to fill the Office he was unanimously appointed
The late Treasurer on submitting his Books to the new Treasurer stated, there was a deficiency of Annual Subscriptions amounting to Fifty Pounds &c. & that many of the

defaulters has been applied to in vain,
It was Resolved that a Committee of three
members of the Council be appointed to
take such measures as they may deem
requisite to obtain liquidation of the
arrears of subscription due to the Society
The following Committee was then appointed
Wm Thomson R.N.
Dr Lee
J. W. G. Gutch Esq. Treasurer
W. H. White & Jno Green Secretaries
In order to alleviate the Society's arrears
It was resolved
That the Secretary & Treasurer be
authorized to dispose of the large Barom-
eter belonging to the Society.
In consequence of the Society having suffered
in its funds from the employments of members
as Trustees, it was Resolved
That henceforth there be, on no account
whatever, any money expended by the
Society in payments to individuals who
may be members of the same.
It was finally resolved "That a Copy
of the Society's Transactions be presented
to the Botanical Society of London."
A Copy was immediately presented, the
Sec'y of the Bot. Soc. being present.
It was then resolved That this Meeting
be adjourned & that the Finance Committee
meet at Dr Lee's on Tuesday the 16th inst.
at 7 p.m.

W. H. Thomson
Chairman

This resolution was rescinded 13th April 1841 vide Min.

1841
March 16

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at Dr Lee's on Tuesday 16th March 1841
Present Lieu Morrison R.N in the Chair
Dr Lee.
J. W. G. Gutch. Treasurer
W. H. White. Secretary

The Secretary stated that on sending the Right hon^ble President notice of his reelection as President for the ensuing session, together with a Copy of the resolutions passed in Council on the 9th Inst: he had received a letter of which the following is a Copy. "I am much flattered by the honor conferred upon me by the Meteorological Society, & I request you to be so good enough to convey my thanks to the Members, & my regret that they have not selected some one more likely from Scientific attainments to be useful to the Society.

I am very sorry to find that the finances are not in a more flourishing condition, & sooner than allow the Barometer to depart without a little time to see if they cannot be recruited I will lend the Society £30 for a year, upon the mercurial security, & if at the end of that time, we do not do better it must go - please to acknowledge the enclosed to allow of its being paid.

I remain dr
Your obed^t Serv^t
R Grosvenor -

To W. H. White Esq^r

On acknowledging the receipt of a Cheque for £30 — his Lordships' writes "Do not send me the Barometer, I wish it to remain at the Society's Rooms, and only to be disposed of, in case, when the year comes round we are unable in any other way to meet our engagements" signed R Greaves

The Secy read a letter from Lord Wallscourt stating that he had previously written to have his name withdrawn as a Subscriber,
Resolved That Lord Wallscourt name be erased from the list of members at his own request, in consequence of his residence abroad.
— Resolved that the Name of Mr Jas Atkinson, be erased from the list of Members, according to his request, but that he be still considered to be indebted to the Society the Sum of £2..2 — entrance fee & annual Subscription, & that a Copy of this resolution be forwarded to him requesting his immediate payment of the above two Guineas.
Resolved that Dr Birkbeck be called upon forthwith to request the favor of a speedy arrangement of the Accounts between the Society & the Dr as may be convenient.
Moved that Mr Beasley be politely yet urgently requested to pay his arrears of Subscription & that a Copy of this resolution be forwarded to him
I moved that a letter be written to Mr Bowman Bateman Byng requesting him to pay his arrears of Subscription.
I moved that a letter be written by the Treasurer to Mr Chas Dixon containing a Copy of this resolution requesting the immediate payment of his arrears.

Moved that a letter be written to Mr Leach stating the election of a new Treasurer & requesting his attention to his arrears.

Ordered the D.S.P.C. Intype be written to reminding him of his being in arrears of Subscription for three Years.

Ordered that Mr Mass be written to for his arrears of Subscription.

Ordered that a letter be written to Mr Spanney drawing his attention to the fact of his being in arrear, & that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him.

Ordered that a Copy of the proceedings & a letter drawing the attention of Mr Foster to the fact of his being in arrear, be written & forwarded to him

Ordered that a similar letter be written to Revd J. C. Williams

Resolved that the Secretary be requested to prepare a revised list of the Annual Subscribers to be laid before the Committee on Friday week next

Resolved that a full statement of all the liabilities of the Society be prepared to be laid before this Committee on Friday week next

Resolved that the necessary notice be forthwith given to the Botanical Society, declining the further occupation of the Rooms at present held by this Society

Ordered that no payments be made until the next meeting of this Committee

That this Committee adjourn to Friday week next the 26th Inst.

1841 March 26

Resolved that No 18 of the Dublin Review be ordered for the Society

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at Peterlee on Friday March 26th

Present Lieu Mansergh Rd in the Chair
D. V. Lee
Mr Reynolds
Mr Green Secretary
H. H. White Secretary

The Secretary stated that there were 40 members who might be termed paying members of the Society - four of whom were doubtful -

The Secretary then stated that the Society owed to the Botanical Society for Rent up to Lady day 10.10.0
Stationers Bill Harrison & Co 6.5.0
Printers Bill — Martin & Co 10.16.6
Do — do Green & Co — 6.10.0
Arrears of Rent at the Mechanics Institute — 7.19.—
Smith Elder & Co Publishers — 100.0.—
making a Total of £142.—.6
Cash in the Treasurers hands 35.5
available Subscriptions 36.15
72.—

It was then resolved that 57.6.6 be appropriated to make the following payments £ s d

Arrears of Rent 5.5.0 to the Bot. Soc
Stationers bill 6.5.0 Harrison & Co
Printers " 10.16.6 Martin & Co
Arrears of Rent 5.—.— Mechan. Institute
Publishers 30.—.— Smith Elder & Co
Total 57-6-6

Resolved. That the Treasurer wrote to W. McEgginis Esqre 54 Watling Street for his arrears of Subscription & admission Fee amounting to £3 . 3 . 0 —

Resolved That a Copy of the Proceedings & Records of Met. Soc. be sent to the Metropolitan Scientific Institutions & to some of the leading members of the British Association who take an interest in Meteorology

Resolved that a form for daily Records of meteorological Observations by the Commanders of H. M. Ships be submitted to the President of the Society, with a request that his Lordship will have the goodness to lay it before the Admiralty with a view to the obtaining of such Records for the use of the Society and the advancement of meteorological Science.

The Secretary stated that he had communicated the resolution of the last meeting to the President & Council of the Botanical Society relative to declining the rooms with the following letter "In compliance with this Resolution I accordingly give you notice that the Meteorological Society will give up the occupation of the Rooms occupied by them at No 20 Bedford St. Covent Garden at Midsummer next" — signed W. W. Seely

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned till Tuesday April 13th 1841 —

April 1841

Finance Committee

Minutes of ~~Council~~ held on Tuesday April 13th 1841 Peter Morrison R.S. in the Chair. After the Minutes of preceding meeting had been read & confirmed - the Chairman read a letter from Mr. Lee in which he (Mr Lee) stated he had seen Messrs Smith Elder & Co - & that they were willing to receive £30. immediately & to have the remainder guaranteed by two Bills one at 8 Months & one at 12 Months - -

The Treasurer then produced the annexed report which was read and discussed - The Chairman then vacated the Chair, which was taken by Sam Tuck Keat Esqr who received the report of the Finance Committee which was put to the vote & ordered to be received -

Resolved that the resolution contained in last Month's minutes relating to the employment of Tradesmen, who are members of the Society, be rescinded.

The Treasurer reported that he had twice written imploring letters to the following Gentlemen who were several Years in arrears of their Subscription but without receiving any reply; viz, Messrs Atkinson, Bruckley, Dixon & Mr Tuke

Resolved That the Treasurer forward a copy of the Resolution contained in the finance report be sent with a letter to the above parties, & again press them to forward their arrears. -

April 1841

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday 13 April 1841 Lieut Morrison R.N in the chair
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed —
The certificates of Col Wylde R.A — Aldermen Billsbon of Portsmouth. Messrs Wm Slocken of Baldock — Warren & Jones of London were read the first time & ordered to be suspended in the Rooms till the next Meeting —
The Secretary then announced the following Donations, Functions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Observations published — Contributions towards a history of Swansea by L.W. Dillwyn Esq^r &c. — Suitable thanks, accompanied by the Society's Proceedings were ordered to be returned —
It was then ~~Ordered~~ Resolved, that the present Rooms be occupied by the Society at £12 per Ann. from Midsummer next —
Messrs Roschitté & Bursey having exhibited several improved Barometers for the opinions of the Council Resolved that Messrs Morrison Lieut R.N. Geo Leach Esq^r & J.W. Lubbock be requested to form a committee to examine the Barometers submitted for inspection this Sept — thereon at the next Meeting Resolved That a list of the members & Officers of the Meteorological Society be engrossed & hung up in the Society's Rooms.

Resolved That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Lieu Morrison R.N. for his kindness in circulating, stitched in the Covers of the Horoscope, 400 Copies of the Society's Abstracts of Proceedings for 1838-9 & that he be further requested, if producing no inconvenience to extra expence to himself to circulate the same number of those for 1839 & 40 in the Horoscope for May next.—

Resolved that the Resolution contained in the minutes of the last Meeting, relating to the Employment of Tradesmen, who are members of the Society be hereby rescinded.—

The Treasurer reported that he had twice written pressing letters to the following Gentlemen who were several years in arrears of their subscription, but with receiving any reply, viz, Messrs Atkinson Brayley Dixon & Mr Intype.

Resolved that a Copy of the Resolution contained in the finance report be forthwith sent to the above parties.

Resolved that the following Gentlemen be requested to act as a publishing Committee Messrs White, Morrison, Green, Reynolds & Gutch with liberty to add to their Numbers, & that they hold their first meeting on Monday 19 April 1841.

Resolved That the Treasurer pay forthwith £50 to Messrs Smith Elder & Co on A/C. and 5 Guineas to the Secretary, for his trouble.

R.J. Morrison - Chair

May 1841

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday May 11th 1841 Lieut Morrison R.N. in the Chair —

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The Treasurer's accounts were submitted to the inspection of the Council & were highly satisfactory — It was ordered that the sum of two Pounds be paid to W.B. White Secy on account of Postages of the present Session

The Prospectus of the proposed Quarterly Journal was then submitted for approval, each sentence of which was discussed, and it was ordered to be printed & circulated among the Lovers of Science —

Letters were read from Messrs Gaspiot & Conway both signifying their intention to withdraw from Membership — —

Mr Gaspiot not having previously signified his intention of ceasing to be a Member, Resd that he still be considered indebted to the Society One Guinea

Geo Leach Esqr submitted his test tables upon the Comparative merits of Mr Ronketti's improved Barometer which were highly satisfactory —

John Lee.
Chairman

June 1841

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday June 8th 1841 Dr Lee J.P. R.S.C. in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

In consequence of the Treasurers Books not arriving in Time the Council had no important business before them.

It was however resolved that No 1 of the Quarterly Journal be published in the forthcoming July, in consequence of the small number of subscribers having been obtained.

The Secretary reported an Estimate from J. W. Palmer & Co Printers Court House Quay for printing a Journal of 96 Sheets demy 8vo with a wrapper &c complete as below.

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It was resolved that a different estimate to the above be obtained before the Council come to a final decision.

adjourned.

John Lee
Chairman

June 1841

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday June 8th 1841 Dr Lee V.P.R.S.E. in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

In consequence of the Treasurers Books not arriving in Time the Council had [illegible] to adjourn [illegible] them.

The Secretary then presented the following

Estimate for a Journal of 4 Sheets demy 8vo. with Wrapper

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Text, (including Composition, Press Work, & Paper) —

500 Nos ——— £3:10:0 per sheet
750 ——— 4:5:0 "
1000 ——— 5:0:0 "

Tables — (do) — 500 — £14:0:0 per sheet
750 — 14:15:0 "
1000 — 15:10:0 "

(The Tables are calculated as small type, called Brevier).

Wrapper (2 pp) — comps. working & paper — 500 — £0.15.0
750 — 1.0.0
1000 — 1.5.0

Stitching, with pasted Wrappers & edges cut, about — 5s per 100.

Palmer & Clayton
10, Crane Court } June 4/41.

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June 1841

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 8th 1841 Dr Lee F.R.S. &c in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

In consequence of the Treasurers Books not arriving in Time the Council had no instant business before them.

4/41

10, Crane Court

My dear Sir

I beg to enclose you the estimate you requested; and shall be exceedingly happy if I can be so lucky as to get the printing. — I have estimated for a good paper, at about £1 per ream — and you may rely on it I shall pay every attention to the work. — I had the management of the Improved Nautical almanacs; Brandes Journal of Science; & Mrs. Somerville's Mechanism of the Heavens; besides also the Treatises of the Useful Knowledge Society, which I managed the Printing of Mrs. Clover,

Chairman

June 1841

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print the Greenwich Observations, and the Ordnance Surveys with the Zenith Sector. — I mention this, that you may be convinced I am capable of doing a scientific journal

I am, Dear Sir

Yours very truly

O. Gallaher

W. A. Hutt, Esq.

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adjourned —

John Lee

Chairman

June 1841

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday June 8th 1841 Dr Lee J.P. R.S. & in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

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Meteorological Journal

250 Copies 3½ Sheets Royal 8vo & Wrappers about } £20. - -

doing up about 8 each copy.

500 copies 3½ Sheets Royal 8vo & Wrappers about } £25. - -

If printed in 4to the Cost of either 250 or 500 would be £2 or £3 more, and the doing up of each copy to 1d.

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John Lee
Chairman

June 1841

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 8th 1841 Dr Lee F.R.S. &c in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

In consequence of the Treasurers Books not arriving in Time the Council had no important business before them.

That the Treasurer of the Meteorological Society purchase of Mr Van Voorst 150 copies of 24 consecutive numbers (of "the Meteorologist") beginning with the first at 4½ each the price to the public being 6d per Copy

That the name of "J.W.P. Jolliffe Esq the Meteor Sec" be announced on the wrapper as editor

That Edward Newman pay the entire cost of paper, printing and other incidental charges and receive all the proceeds

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of the size of the Mag. to be kept with the Minutes of the matter.

John Lee
Chairman

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday Febry 8th 1842

Dr Lee F.R.S. Vice President in the Chair.

The Secretary stated that he had called upon Mr. C.W. Bayley at the London Institution at the request of the Treasurer to solicit payment for his arrears of Subscription, he was ~~treated~~ in a very impertinent & rude manner, It was proposed by Lieut Morrison R.N. & seconded by the Treasurer That, in consequence of the uncivil demeanor of Mr. C.W. Bayley to the Secretary, on being called upon for his arrears of Subscription, that he be expelled the Society

The following were proposed as Officers for the ensuing Year.

President

The Right Hon.ble Lord R. Grosvenor

Vice Presidents

The Right Hon. Lord Carington

Dr Lee F.R.S. D.C.L.

Treasurer

J.W.G. Gutch Esq. M.R.C.S.

Secretaries

W.H. White M.B.S. &c

P.L. Simmonds Esq. F.S.S.

Foreign Secretary

Jas Reynolds Esq. Fellow &c

& the Members of the Council

Messrs Byng
Bateman
Castell
Cassella
Kent
Morrison
Jones
Phillips
Pole

Mr Cassella & Mr Simmonds were chosen Auditors of the Treasurer's Accounts —

Tuesday March 8th 1842 R. Grosvenor Pres.t

LIST OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD ROBERT GROSVENOR, M.P.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.
DR. BIRKBECK, F.G.S., &c. deceased
DR. Mc INTYRE, F.L.S., M.B.S., &c. resigned

TREASURER.
J. W. G. GUTCH, Esq., M.R.C.S., F.L.S., &c.

SECRETARIES.
W. H. WHITE, Esq., M.B.S., V.P.U.S. &c.
J. GREEN, Esq., M.B.S., M.U.S., &c. left town

FOREIGN SECRETARY.
J. REYNOLDS, Esq., M.B.S., M.U.S., &c.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
H. W. BAILEY, Esq., M.R.C.S.
W. BATEMAN BYNG, Esq., F.R.A.S., &c.
SAMUEL LUCK KENT, Esq., F.G.S., &c.
LIEUT. MORRISON, R.N.
H. PHILLIPS, Esq.
CAPTAIN SIR J. ROSS, R.N., C.B., K.C.S., F.R.S., &c.
W. J. SIMMONITE, Esq., M.U.S.
JAMES GEORGE TATEM, Esq.
Country Members.

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday March 18th 1862

The Right Hon. Lord Robt Grosvenor President in the Chair —

The Report of last year was read and adopted in Council, & ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting. The expenditure of the past year was discussed, and every possible retrenchment suggested under the direction of the Finance Committee, consisting of D. Lee V.P. Lieu Morrison R.N. the Treasurer, Secretary & Foreign Secretary —

The Treasurer stated that in consequence of the advantageous arrangements he had made with Mr Lumley (Chancery Lane) the Society's Journal would appear Quarterly without involving the Society in any pecuniary outlay, a step that was highly approved by the Council.

The Treasurer also stated that he had been enabled by unremitting perseverance to collect many of the outstanding arrears, by which the Society's Funds had been greatly benefited, & which had enabled him to liquidate some in the whole & others, in part, of the liabilities of the Society.

The Treasurer also proposed more eligible Rooms than those at present occupied by the Society and at a very trifling increase of Rent, in the more eligible situation 17, Old Bond Street

the present Rooms being fixed at 12 Guis per Annum the proposed Rooms at 15 Guis per Annum — This proposal was approved by the Council, & the Secretary was requested to give due notice of removal from the present Rooms & the Treasurer to make final arrangements for taking possession of the Rooms in Bond Street at his discretion. However to prevent any encroachments on the Society's funds arising from an increase of Rent, the following sums were subscribed Dr Lee One Guinea Pound Dean Morrison 10/- Mr Muselle 8/-

The Treasurer then suggested that the Society's Papers be bound up in Years for the convenience of Reference, this proposal met the approbation of the Council and ordered to be forthwith carried into execution should the funds of the Society permit —

A Vote of Thanks was given to the Treasurer for his assiduity and attention, and the Meeting adjourned

John Lee
Chairman

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday May 10th 1842 Dr Lee R.S.V.P. in the Chair.

The Treasurer brought forward a full statement of the Society's Funds, and suggested for the well being of the Society that every possible retrenchment of expenditure be adopted, & the outstanding liabilities of the Society be liquidated. and First,

That the Society discontinue, for the present, to forward the Quarterly Journal to Associate & Hon. Members. — agreed to,

2nd. That the expenditure in postages be as limited as possible. — agreed to.

3rd That the printing of the Proceedings, apart from the Journal be suspended for the present — agreed to.

4th That the Monthly allowance to the Secretary be suspended. Hon. Sec.

That the following Resolution be entered in the Minutes of this Meeting.

Resolved. That the Society, with great reluctance, in consequence of the debt still owing by the Society, is compelled for the present, to suspend the payment heretofore made to Mr White as Secretary to this Society — & the Society only hopes, that, ere a few elapses, the difficulty will be removed, which now exists, & that the invaluable Services of Mr White will again meet with that reward, which they so amply merit — moved by Jno Gulch Sec. by Mr Castle. The Secretary expressed his full concurrence with this resolution. — adjourned.

John Lee Chairman

1842
June 14

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 14th 1842. at No 20. Bedford St Covent Garden. Dr Lee V.P. in the Chair

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Treasurer stated that the Subscriptions from the following Members were not unpaid, viz

Capt Eaden, M.P.	3 . 3 . 0	
Duncan Forbes	1 . 1 . 0	Written to officially 10 June 42 W.H.W.
W. J. Fawcett	3 . 3 . 0	
W. Oyleer Perth	3 . 3 . 0	
W. Wright	3 . 3 . 0	

The Secretary stated that the last mentioned Gentn was suddenly called to Adelaide Town S. Australia in consequence of his Brothers sudden death, & none of his friends in England had received instructions to pay the demand. The Secretary was then requested to write officially first four named Members requesting them to remit without delay.

The Treasurer then stated that the Terms offered by the Society to Mr Moore at the Rooms in Bond Street, were not accepted — The Treasurer was accordingly empowered to give 1/6 each for a Number not under 6. and 1/- each above that Number — to which following reply has been sent — from Mr Moore to the Treasurer subject to further consideration of the Council —

37. Pall Mall.
22nd June, 1842.

Sir,

In answer to your letter I beg to state the scale of payment proposed by the Meteorological Society will not be sufficient to remunerate me. But I am willing to serve the Society with Tea and Coffee, and accompaniments for six persons at one shilling and sixpence each, and for each Gnember above six one shilling extra: ~~I am~~ I cannot undertake to serve the Society unless I shall be sure of receiving, at the least, nine shillings for each Meeting besides two shillings for cleaning the rooms and attendance

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Thos Moore

J. W. Gutch, Esq.

Treasurer of the

Meteorological Society.

There being further business for Consideration the Council Meeting adjourned till July 12th when the Meeting will be held at the Society's new Rooms No 7 Old Broad Street

J. Lee. Chairman.

Febry 8th 1843

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council of the Society, held at 30 Old Bond Street.

There were present

The President (in the Chair)
The Vice President Dr Lee
Messrs Gutch, Reynolds, Luck, Lassell, White & Simmonds.

The following circular was drawn up by the Treasurer, read, discussed and adopted.

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF

Great Britain.

January, 1843.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Council of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain respectfully to invite your perusal of the following statement, and to inform you that should you be disposed to aid the Society, either by a Donation or by becoming a Member of the same, a letter addressed to W. H. White, Secretary, No. 36, Queen's Row, Walworth, or to J. W. G. Gutch, Esq., Treasurer, No. 38, Foley Place, will meet with every attention, and be duly acknowledged.

J. W. G. GUTCH, Treasurer.

ENTRANCE FEE, £1 1s. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, £1 1s.

Febry 8th 1843

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council of the Society, held at No 6 Old Bond Street.

There were present

The President (in the Chair)
The Vice President Dr Lee
Messrs Gutch, Reynolds, Luck, Lassell, White & Simmonds.

The following circular was drawn up by the Treasurer, read, discussed and adopted.

The Meteorological Society of Great Britain commenced its career in the year 1823, and was warmly supported by the late lamented Dr. Birkbeck, who for many years officiated as President, and remained a Vice President up to the day of his death. During this period of twenty years it has been steadily pursuing its operations, amassing a most valuable collection of Observations, made both in this country and at many foreign stations, which have been carefully arranged, and an Index made for the reference of any person interested in such inquiries.

On the importance of these researches, on the value of such a mass of documents for reference, as have been accumulated, nothing need be urged—the great and increasing interest shown by scientific men and the world at large, testifies the importance of them. Astronomy, Navigation, Medical Science, Agriculture, all are deeply interested in its proceedings.

The objects of this Society have been to observe and record all Aërial Phenomena as they occur, to collect from foreign parts such as may have been observed there, and to publish all that may be deemed useful, together with such of the papers read before the Society at its monthly meetings as may be considered of sufficient importance.

To establish a Library of Reference, to consist of works relating more especially to this particular branch of Science.

To hold periodical meetings, similar to the other learned Societies in the Metropolis, at which the Members and their friends have an opportunity of bringing forward new views, or of discussing topics relating to Meteorology; whereby information and instruction may be afforded to all those who are interested in this branch of Science.

To establish a correspondence and friendly interchange of information, with the many learned bodies that now exist in different quarters of the globe, and to render every information and facility to young Meteorologists, who may be desirous of pursuing the Science.

Such are the objects for which this Society has been instituted, and which have been carried out as far as its limited means would allow.

It now becomes necessary to state the *present* condition of the Society, and to explain the cause of the serious difficulties under which it labours.

In the year 1839, the Council was induced to publish an elaborate volume of Transactions, at a great expense. This proceeding speedily produced a result from which the Society now suffers, viz., a debt of £150, which has ever since operated as a clog upon its movements, and paralysed all its exertions. £90 have, however, been paid, leaving a deficit of £60 upon the debt incurred, to which must be added other liabilities to the extent of £90, making a total of £150, and which the Council are most anxious should as early as possible be discharged. When this can be accomplished, the Society will be unfettered and enabled to pursue its course uninterruptedly; the present number of subscribing Members being amply sufficient to discharge all *current* expenses, and contribute towards the publication of the many valuable documents in their possession.

The Society at present consists of 133 Members, viz.

64 Contributing Members.
59 Associates in Foreign Parts.
10 Honorary Members.

From past experience, it may be hoped that each succeeding meeting may add to the number

Febry 8th 1843

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council of the Society, held at No 7 Old Bond Street.

There were present

The President (in the Chair)
The Vice President Dr Lee
Messrs Gutch, Reynolds, Luck, Lassell, White & Simmonds.

The following circular was drawn up by the Treasurer, read, discussed and adopted.

of the former, and place the Society on a much more substantial footing than it has heretofore occupied.

In the year 1841, the Treasurer, Mr. Gutch, suggested to the Council, as a means of bringing its merits more prominently before the public, that some portion of the valuable papers in its possession should be published in a Quarterly Journal, and offered to edit and conduct the same; provided the Society would engage to ensure the sale of 120 copies. This liberal offer was readily assented to by your Council; 200 gentlemen having intimated their intention of becoming Subscribers. From the circumstance of so many of the Subscribers residing at a distance from the Metropolis, it was impossible for the Council, without incurring a serious expense, to forward copies to them, but they were respectfully requested to apply for them through their own booksellers, who would supply them without any additional expense for carriage; this, unfortunately, too many have not done, and the consequence has been that a considerable loss has been incurred by the Treasurer. The Council confidently hope that those Members who have not already got their copies will immediately apply for them, and relieve the Society from its responsibility. The expense of the work has been somewhat increased by the tabular matter introduced into it, without which it would be comparatively valueless.

Five Numbers of the Journal are now before the public, which have received the approbation of the Scientific world and the Press, both Metropolitan and Provincial. Mr. Gutch has again repeated his kind offer upon the same terms, and another Number will appear on the 1st of April. Should it not meet with the encouragement the Council hope and expect for it, deeply as the Council will regret it, it must of necessity be discontinued.

Having made you acquainted with the situation in which the Society at present stands, it now becomes the duty of the Council to inform you of the mode of relief which has been submitted by the President Lord Robert Grosvenor, the Treasurer Mr. Gutch, and unanimously approved by the Council; that application be made to every Member, whether a Subscribing one or an Associate, for a donation of one guinea; and should this not succeed, then, that an appeal should be made to the Scientific world for such assistance as it may think the objects of the Society merit.

If this appeal to yourself and other scientific friends be promptly responded to, the Society will be relieved from its difficulties, will be enabled to continue its meetings as heretofore, and to proceed with the publication of its Quarterly Journal.

But should, on the other hand, the anticipations and wishes of the Council be unfortunately disappointed, it will become their painful duty to declare to their constituents, that from want of funds the Society must suspend its meetings at the close of the session, 1843, until the friends of Meteorological Science can be reassembled under more fortunate auspices.

LORD ROBERT GROSVENOR, PRESIDENT.
J. W. G. GUTCH, TREASURER.

William Stevens, Printer, Bell Yard, Temple Bar.

Resolved, That 500 Copies of the above Circular Letter be printed for distribution among the Members, Associates, and Friends of Meteorological Science. —

The following Gentlemen engaged to send Circulars as follows. viz

The President 25 — Dr Lee 12 —

Mr Simmonds 50 Mr White the Members and Associates. —

The Treasurer read his report of the present state of Society which was approved and adopted.

Resolved 2ndly. That a unanimous vote of thanks be given to the Treasurer for his lucid Report, and also for his Activity Zeal and Talent displayed on the publication of the Society's Quarterly Journal.

The Treasurer having stated the impossibility of the continuance of the Journal under the present arrangement unless a certain Number of Copies could be insured, the President came forward with his accustomed zeal & kindness & guaranteed the expence of the publication of Nº 6 of the Journal. — The Council acceded to his Ladyships noble proposition, and the Journal ordered to be continued for another Number. —

In compliance with the proposals in the annexed Circular, the following Gentlemen agreed to pay a double Subscription for the Ensuing Session: viz,

The President, Dr Lee, Miss Leach Reynolds, Cuzella, & Simmonds. —

The meeting then adjourned.

March 14th

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday March 14th. The Right Hon. Lord Robert Grosvenor President in the Chair.

The Treasurer's accounts were audited by Majr. Reynolds, Cuscella & proved to be correct.

The Treasurer then read the Annual Report which was approved and adopted, and ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting.

Resolved that the meetings of the Society be limited to 7 during the year, that there be a recess from May to November.

The Treasurer stated, that Mr Ranchette had offered the Society accommodation for its Meetings, Library & c in Museum St Bloomsbury at the rent of 5 Guineas per annum. And Mr Cuscella offered equal accommodations at his House, 23 Hatton Garden for 3 Guins per Annum. As the Society was bound to hold its present apartments till Midsummer next, the decision was left for a future Meeting.

The following officers were chosen & to be submitted for election at the Anniversary Meeting.

President The Right Hon Lord Robt Grosvenor M.P.
Vice Presidents Dr See F.R.S. & Geo Leach Esq F.R.S.
Treasurer J.W.L. Glutchbaffe. M.R.C.S.
Secretaries W.K. White & P.L. Simmonds
For Secretary Jas Reynolds. M.R.C.S.

Other members of the Council

The Right Hon Lord Carrington — Messrs Platt
Messrs Cuscella — " Parker
" Denton — " Ranchette
" Esqr adjourned. Major Stuck

And then it will be the result of the matured deliberations of your Council & it now only remains for you as individual Members of this Society strenuously earnestly collectively to exert yourselves for the ~~sustenance preservation & future existence & well being~~ maintaining the best interests of the Society.

At a Special meeting of the Council of the Meteorological Society held Rob Grosvenor in the chair held February 8th it was resolved that the following letter should be printed & a copy sent to every member of the Society - as being a probable means of either obtaining fresh subscribers & called in consequence especially to enquire into the financial state of the Meteorological Society & to devise the best means for relieving it effectually from its present depressed & embarassed condition - Your Treasurer read a voluminous report of which it will here be necessary only to record in brief & state to your Society the means resolved upon by your Council for relieving the Soc from its at present destitute condition - Your Treasurer states that the following is at present up to this day the state of the funds of the Society.

Received for Subscriptions during the Past year. ~~including donations~~	£3	2	0
By various donations	8.	0	0
By allowance for Postage cost of the Met Soc's Rooms		14.	6
By balance from last year in the Treasurers hands.	5	10	1
£	59	12	1

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The various expences of the year as fully specified in the Treasurers account which has been audited & examined by your Council this Evening amounts to £ 46 - 15 - 7½ - leaving a balance as to this day of £ 12 " 1 " 5½ in your Treasurers hands. - The outstanding ~~debts~~ liabilities of the Society amount to £ 121 - 13 - 6 including the remainder of Smith & Elders account left unpaid & the debt due to our late President Lord Bishop Spencer. - The outstanding subscriptions remaining unpaid to the Society ~~at present~~ amount to the sum of £ 37 - 16 - 0 viz

for 1840 - 1	1 - 1 - 0
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1842 - 3	27 - 6 - 0
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And in addition to this from this day £ 66 - 3 are now due making the arrears of the Society ~~now~~ in all the subscriptions now paid up amount ~~now~~ to £ 103 - 19 - 0 - But from past experience your Council are fully sensible of how little dependance is to be placed upon this amount of subscriptions being paid in time to ~~pay our claims upon Government~~ your Council. to effect

My Lord & Gentlemen

We are this night met to commemorate the 20 anniversary of the Bible Society of Great Britain. I feel loth to permit it to pass over without making a few brief observations on the occasion - I would that we were met under brighter circumstances

any speedy extrication from the debt that is now
your Society
mortgaging it daily & clogging all its best efforts -
such being the state as represented by your Treasurer
to your council it became their duty to take such
active & decisive measures as should tend to ease
them therefrom into their most serious consideration
as to what measures had best be adopted - two
alternatives presented themselves to your Council the
one depleting the Society until such time as it should
meet with more success the other carrying it on for
another year. and the result of the calm
deliberations of your council will now be laid
before you for your approval & confirmation -
In the first place they recommend the adoption & circulation
of the following circular amongst all the members of
the Society first, & afterwards if the necessary amount of
donations be not in that way procured that it shall
then be freely circulated amongst scientific men in
general & especially those who have been known to
interest themselves in Meteorological pursuits &
investigations - as being a probable means of either
obtaining fresh Subscribers or donors & then when this
Society from the desponding state in which it has been
placed in the first instance by the well intentioned but
mistaken zeal of a former council in publishing the

Elaborate but costly Volumes of Transactions. a few copies of which I may mention are still to be had price £1-0-0

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF

Great Britain.

January, 1843.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Council of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain respectfully to invite your perusal of the following statement, and to inform you that should you be disposed to aid the Society, either by a Donation or by becoming a Member of the same, a letter addressed to W. H. WHITE, Secretary, No. 36, Queen's Row, Walworth, or to J. W. G. GUTCH, Esq., Treasurer, No. 38, Foley Place, will meet with every attention, and be duly acknowledged.

J. W. G. GUTCH, TREASURER.

ENTRANCE FEE, £1 1*s*. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, £1 1*s*.

The Meteorological Society of Great Britain commenced its career in the year 1823, and was warmly supported by the late lamented Dr. Birkbeck, who for many years officiated as President, and remained a Vice President up to the day of his death. During this period of twenty years it has been steadily pursuing its operations, amassing a most valuable collection of Observations, made both in this country and at many foreign stations, which have been carefully arranged, and an Index made for the reference of any person interested in such inquiries.

On the importance of these researches, on the value of such a mass of documents for reference, as have been accumulated, nothing need be urged—the great and increasing interest shown by scientific men and the world at large, testifies the importance of them. Astronomy, Navigation, Medical Science, Agriculture, all are deeply interested in its proceedings.

The objects of this Society have been to observe and record all Aërial Phenomena as they occur, to collect from foreign parts such as may have been observed there, and to publish all that may be deemed useful, together with such of the papers read before the Society at its monthly meetings as may be considered of sufficient importance.

To establish a Library of Reference, to consist of works relating more especially to this particular branch of Science.

To hold periodical meetings, similar to the other learned Societies in the Metropolis, at which the Members and their friends have an opportunity of bringing forward new views, or of discussing topics relating to Meteorology; whereby information and instruction may be afforded to all those who are interested in this branch of Science.

To establish a correspondence and friendly interchange of information, with the many learned bodies that now exist in different quarters of the globe, and to render every information and facility to young Meteorologists, who may be desirous of pursuing the Science.

Such are the objects for which this Society has been instituted, and which have been carried out as far as its limited means would allow.

It now becomes necessary to state the *present* condition of the Society, and to explain the cause of the serious difficulties under which it labours.

In the year 1839, the Council was induced to publish an elaborate volume of Transactions, at a great expense. This proceeding speedily produced a result from which the Society now suffers, viz., a debt of £150, which has ever since operated as a clog upon its movements, and paralysed all its exertions. £90 have, however, been paid, leaving a deficit of £60 upon the debt incurred, to which must be added other liabilities to the extent of £90, making a total of £150, and which the Council are most anxious should as early as possible be discharged. When this can be accomplished, the Society will be unfettered and enabled to pursue its course uninterruptedly; the present number of subscribing Members being amply sufficient to discharge all *current* expenses, and contribute towards the publication of the many valuable documents in their possession.

The Society at present consists of 133 Members, viz.

64 Contributing Members.
59 Associates in Foreign Parts.
10 Honorary Members.

From past experience, it may be hoped that each succeeding meeting may add to the number of the former, and place the Society on a much more substantial footing than it has heretofore occupied.

In the year 1841, the Treasurer, Mr. Gutch, suggested to the Council, as a means of bringing its merits more prominently before the public, that some portion of the valuable papers in its possession should be published in a Quarterly Journal, and offered to edit and conduct the same; provided the Society would engage to ensure the sale of 120 copies. This liberal offer was readily assented to by your Council; 200 gentlemen having intimated their intention of becoming Subscribers. From the circumstance of so many of the Subscribers residing at a distance from the Metropolis, it was impossible for the Council, without incurring a serious expense, to forward copies to them, but they were respectfully requested to apply for them through their own booksellers, who would supply them without any additional expense for carriage; this, unfortunately, too many have not done, and the consequence has been that a considerable loss has been incurred by the Treasurer. The Council confidently hope that those Members who have not already got their copies will immediately apply for them, and relieve the Society from its responsibility. The expense of the work has been somewhat increased by the tabular matter introduced into it, without which it would be comparatively valueless.

Five Numbers of the Journal are now before the public, which have received the approbation of the Scientific world and the Press, both Metropolitan and Provincial. Mr. Gutch has again repeated his kind offer upon the same terms, and another Number will appear on the 1st of April. Should it not meet with the encouragement the Council hope and expect for it, deeply as the Council will regret it, it must of necessity be discontinued.

Having made you acquainted with the situation in which the Society at present stands, it now becomes the duty of the Council to inform you of the mode of relief which has been submitted by the President Lord Robert Grosvenor, the Treasurer Mr. Gutch, and unanimously approved by the Council; that application be made to every Member, whether a Subscribing one or an Associate, for a donation of one guinea; and should this not succeed, then, that an appeal should be made to the Scientific world for such assistance as it may think the objects of the Society merit.

If this appeal to yourself and other scientific friends be promptly responded to, the Society will be relieved from its difficulties, will be enabled to continue its meetings as heretofore, and to proceed with the publication of its Quarterly Journal.

But should, on the other hand, the anticipations and wishes of the Council be unfortunately disappointed, it will become their painful duty to declare to their constituents, that from want of funds the Society must suspend its meetings at the close of the session, 1843, until the friends of Meteorological Science can be reassembled under more fortunate auspices.

LORD ROBERT GROSVENOR, PRESIDENT.
J. W. G. GUTCH, TREASURER.

Were ~~Did~~ ~~known~~ this Intention ~~about to be made of~~ for the Subscribers for the next year. to double their Subscriptions generally carried out inasmuch as there appears to be 65 bona fide subscribers this would at once give a sum of £130. sufficient not only to liquidate the outstanding claims upon the Society. but with the proposed reduction in the

I have great pleasure in handing the Meteorological
this Evening of showing to the meeting a very interesting
& ingenious table drawn up by one of the members of
the Society Mr Busill showing the amount of rain fallen
during & the increase or decrease of
the mean accompanying such changes of the atmosphere.

out-going expences, would be amply sufficient to pay those also. That all the subscribers will submit to the doubling of their ~~subscriptions~~ annual Members contributions to secure the existence of this ~~Society~~ Society - & that no other source can be expected to equalling it equally for the support of the Society so that the Income of the more wealthy of the subscribers may without inconvenience, if they really wish the Society to continue; & to be just after a fortnight, that it has not been above six years; & to be entirely freed from debt, will generously ~~to~~ render it the assistance ~~& support~~ it stands so much in need of

The example has already been set by upwards of ~~donations~~ twenty already received from several parties who are not subscribers even to the Society among others from Professor Sewell of the Veterinary College & Viscount Sir Henry Wilson Hutt from the Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society: such examples your Council hope to see imitated in a large number of instances - Your Council still further to relieve the Society from its difficulties have determined at the forthcoming Session that the meetings should as much as possible be limited to six only instead of nine tending to reduce the annual expence of the Society and at the same time from the experience that your Council have had during the last Session of the

Decrease of the attendance during the Summer months it is considered that no evil but rather good will accrue to your Soc from such curtailment.

Your Council next considered the propriety of lessening the annual Expenditure in the item of rent of rooms at present amounting to £12 p.a. - And how your Council deem it right to lay before the two propositions which have been submitted to them: The first from Mr Rhodetti who has very liberally offered on the use of a room in his house in Great Ormond Street free of the payment from the Soc of £5-p.a Mr Rhodetti also offers accommodation for the Books Journals &c at present rendered unavailable for the want of a Bookcase or proper receptacle in which to place them. The other offer is from Mr Cadell also a member of a room in his house situated in Hatton Garden which he very generously offers for £3 p.a. - Both rooms your Council duly appreciating each of these offers consider that inasmuch as the present rooms are taken to June next by which time your Council will be enabled to judge of the effect of the circular which they are desired to place considerable reliance for assistance it will be most prudent to rest where we are till the 25th of June prior to which time a Special

Council meeting shall be called to consider what
what ulterior steps it could be advisable to take
frequent removals being detrimental to the interests
of the Society - Your Council further recommend
for the forthcoming year the strictest economy in
each department expending as much as can be
profitably & consistent with the efficiency carrying out
the arrangements of the Society each item of
Expenditure -

At the instigation of your Secretary
Applied & with the kind acquiescence & instrument of
of your late President Lord Rob Cavendish a
meeting an interview has been taken place with the
Marquess of Northampton the President of the
Royal Society & the following letter has been
addressed to the Council of that Society & from the
kind interest evinced by
the Marquess of Northampton & you also from the
unwearied exertions of your President your Council
anticipate one another year elapses that this Society
will be set what foundation it ought to rest upon so
secure as it is entitled to & become appreciated by
those ornaments of Science who can so efficiently aid
& assist us in our endeavours -

To the President & Council of the
Royal Society.

March 14 1843.

My Lords & Gentlemen

By the request of the Council of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain I beg respectfully to submit to your consideration the following Statement & address request; for your kind consideration & confident persuasion that you will not deny to a Society instituted for so legitimate a branch of Scientific research the boon they now seek at the hands of your Society:

The Met Soc of Great Britain was established in 1823 its objects being to record & observe all aerial phenomena as they occurred; to collect from persons facts such as may have been observed there & to publish all that might be deemed useful together with such papers read before the Soc at its monthly meetings as might be considered of sufficient importance — To establish a Library of reference to consist of works relating more especially to that particular branch of Science To establish a correspondence & periodic intercourse

interchange of information with the many learned bodies that now exist in different quarters of the Globe & to render easy intercourse & facility to young Meteorologists who may be anxious to prosecute their studies of this branch of Science: During a period of twenty years it has been steadily pursued as far as its limited resources could permit & has accumulated a very valuable mass of information & observations now arranged & open to the inspection of any person interested in this pursuit.

At the commencement of the last year a Quarterly Journal was commenced intended as the organ of the Society & the most advantageous mode of making public the more interesting & important papers read before the Society This edited & ~~by the~~ and conducted by the Treasurer Mr Gutch has continued up to the present time

Such being the objects & operations of this Society the Council has been induced to submit the following requests for the consideration of your Lordship & the Council of the R Soc & which if ~~then~~ our Council cannot but consider would materially tend still further to render the labours of the Meteorological Society of

Great Britain of benefit to Science & mankind at large.

Your council would respectfully request that the Royal Society would permit to reduce & publish in the Quarterly Journal all such Tables & Meteorological communications as are not designed for Publication in the Royal Soc[y] Transactions the source from whence they are derived being duly acknowledged in the Journal

That Permission be granted to the Editor of the Quarterly Journal of Meteorology to apply to the Sec. of the R.S. for similar extracts from papers read before the R.S. as shall be granted to the Ed. of the Athenæum when any subjects relating exclusively to Meteorology occur. That when duplicate copies of Journals or Met observations may be sent to the R.S that a copy may be granted of the same to the R.S to assist in forming a Lib of Met reference.

That in return for these Privileges it ought to be at the Issues of the R.S that all Officers Council for the time being of the R.S shall be considered Hon Mem. of the Met Soc Gentlemen of same to attend any of the monthly meetings of the Soc.

awaiting your reply

I am my Lord & Gentlemen &c &c